

Docket No.: 43888-092

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE.

In re Application of

Tatsurou KAWAMURA

Serial No.: 09/749,816

Filed: December 28, 2000

GROUP 1700 REAGENT AND METHOD FOR MEASURING A CONCENTRATION OF For:

Group Art Unit: 1743

Examiner: Monique T. Cole

PROTEIN

AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 16, 2003, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on April 16, 2003, and the petition for a one-month extension of time up to and including May 16, 2003 being filed concurrently herewith, reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in view of the following amendment and remarks.

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 13

Please amend claims 24, 7, 9, 11, 12 and 17 to read as follows:

2. The method for measuring a concentration of protein in accordance with claim 1, further comprising a step of:

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